

What is claimed is:

1. A mounting bracket for a pump of a washing machine, the machine having a base, the mounting bracket, comprising:

a body having a lower portion adapted to mount on the washing machine base and having

5 an upper portion adapted to support the pump;

a damper between the upper and lower portions to dampen vibrations generated by the

pump; and

the body and damper being separately formed components.

10 2. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is rubber.

3. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is pressed between the upper and lower body portions.

15 4. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is over molded into the body.

5. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is injected into the body between the upper and lower portions.

20 6. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is adhered to the body.

7. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the damper is mechanically locked to the body.

25 8. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body is one-piece injection molded.

9. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body is molded.

10. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body has a one-piece construction.

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11. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body has legs for mounting onto the base.

12. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body has legs adapted to twist lock 5 mount the body onto the base.

13. The mounting bracket of claim 12 wherein the body includes a tab to lock the mounting bracket to the base.

10 14. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the upper portion of the body has openings adapted to receive legs on the pump.

15. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body has openings adapted to twist lock mount the body onto the pump.

15 16. The mounting bracket of claim 15 wherein the opening have protrusions to rotationally secure legs on the pump to the mounting bracket.

17. The mounting bracket of claim 1 wherein the body is resilient.

20 18. An improved washing machine, comprising:
a base;
a pump;
a bracket for mounting the pump to the base; and
25 a damper installed in the bracket to dampen pump vibrations.

19. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the bracket and damper are formed in separate steps.

30 20. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the damper is an elastomeric material.

21. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the bracket has a C-shaped end with opposite legs and the damper is between the legs of the C-shaped end.

5 22. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the pump is twist locked onto the bracket and the bracket is twist locked onto the base.

10 23. The improved washing machine of claim 22 wherein the base has a tab to engage an asymmetric bottom portion of the bracket and thereby preclude improper assembly of the bracket on the base.

24. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the damper is mechanically locked to the bracket.

15 25. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the damper is adhered to the bracket.

26. The improved washing machine of claim 18 wherein the damper is molded onto the bracket.